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ANNUAL REPORT

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Medical Officer of Health

for the

Year Ending December 31st, 1964

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Health Department,
PADIHAM.

July, 1965.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of the Urban District of Padiham, in respect of the year ending 31st December, 1964. The form and content are in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 1/65, dated 11th January, 1965.

With the usual preamble dealt with, I must now pay a tribute to two fine and remarkable men - Dr. J. W. J. Forsythe and Mr. F. Hewitt. Dr. Forsythe was Medical Officer of Health here for thirty-eight years, and Mr. Hewitt, the Public Health Inspector for seventeen and a half years. Mr. Wrigley and I are very conscious of the tremendous amount of work they have done for the town, in the field of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, and know that it will be no easy task to continue where they have left off. We wish them a long and happy retirement.

It is always interesting coming to work in a new area, but it does not take long to absorb the "atmosphere" and get the feel of the place. Padiham is typical of the East Lancashire cotton towns, which developed so rapidly and thoughtlessly from village to township in a few industrious years a century ago. The results are now only too apparent; but what about the positive side? I am most impressed at the strides taken over the past few years - slum clearance, smoke control areas, standard grants and housing development. These are evidence of a far seeing authority, not afraid of accepting its responsibilities, then doing something about it, despite the cost involved. Whenever people start to talk about health projects in terms of money, I give up arguing.

Alone amongst the districts for which I am Medical Officer of Health, the population of Padiham has risen steadily for a number of years. The estimated rise since the census year, 1961, is almost 250, whereas the natural increase during that period (excess of births over deaths) is only 79. Thus active migration into the area must have taken place, a source of great satisfaction. This is encouraged by the lovely housing estates being erected by private builders.

The measles epidemic which started in 1963 continued into 1964, and over 100 cases were notified to the Department. It is characteristic of this infectious disease that it assumes epidemic proportions every other year, each visitation catching the new batch of infants, plus those who missed on the previous occasion. Although often dismissed as a mild childish ailment, measles does cause a surprising number of deaths, and it is always tragic to lose a child. In addition, there are quite a lot of disabling after effects which are met with from time to time. It is thus good news that a vaccine will shortly be available to give protection against an attack. This will be yet another "prick" to add to those already offered to protect babies. Without a high acceptance rate, the position would be nowhere near so cheerful. We haven't seen diphtheria for years, whooping cough and poliomyelitis are rapidly disappearing and tuberculosis will be eradicated in the very near future.

With the very rare cases of small pox in the country these days, it was felt no longer necessary to retain chicken pox on the list of diseases to be notified to the Health Department by general practitioners.

The layout of this Report is a little different from previous editions, and it is hoped that members will find it of some interest. I wish to acknowledge the good work of Mr. Wrigley, who is responsible for the great bulk of duties in the Department, and also Mrs. McCrerie, for typing this Report.

I am, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. V. DYER.

Medical Officer of Health.

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in Acres	976
Population (Census 1961)	9,893
Population (Estimated middle 1964)	10,130
Number of inhabited houses (according to Rate Book at the end of 1964)	3,779
Rateable Value	£362,098
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,400

The social conditions were generally quite good. The chief industries are cotton and silk weaving and light engineering trades.

VITAL STATISTICS

POPULATION: The population as estimated by the Registrar General for mid 1964 is 10,130.

BIRTHS: 179 Live Births belonging to the District occurred during 1964, as follows:-

		Males	Females	Total
Live Births	(Legitimate)	79	89	168
	(Illegitimate)	6	5	11
		85	94	179
Stillbirths	(Legitimate)	6	1	7
	(Illegitimate)	-	-	-

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths 37.6
Total Live and Stillbirths 186

Comparative particulars with regard to live births over the last five years are given in the following tables:-

	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Total Live Births	179	170	160	171	148
Crude Birth Rate per 1000 estimated popln.	17.7	16.9	16.1	17.2	15.1
Adjusted Rate	19.6	18.8	16.6	17.9	15.5

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births: 6.5

INFANT DEATHS: All infants under 1 year of age 6

INFANTILE MORTALITY:	(a) All infants per 1000 live births	33.5
	(b) Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	29.7
	(c) Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate births	90.9
NEO-NATAL MORTALITY:	(a) Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age	5
	(b) Mortality Rate per 1000 live births	27.9
EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY:	Rate per 1000 live births	27.9
PERINATAL MORTALITY:	Rate per 1000 total births	64.5

Comparative particulars with regard to infant mortality over the last five years are given in the following tables:-

1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
33.5	23.5	37.5	23.4	27.0

MATERNAL MORTALITY:	(a) Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	Nil
	(b) Mortality Rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths	Nil

DEATHS: 134 Deaths belonging to the District occurred during 1964 as follows:-

	Males	Females	Total
Deaths within the Urban District	40	39	79
Deaths outside the Urban District in Hospitals, Institutions etc.	29	26	55
	69	65	134

Comparative particulars with regard to deaths over the last five years are given in the folowing tables:-

	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Total Deaths	134	162	170	145	130
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estmd. population	13.2	16.1	17.1	14.6	13.2
Adjusted Rate	13.4	16.3	17.4	14.8	13.5

The following table gives the ages at which deaths occurred, also the causes of all deaths belonging to Padiham during 1964.

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 4 wks.	4 wks & under 1 yr.	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over	M.	F.	Total
Syphilitic Disease										1			1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach											2	2		2
Lung, Bronchus								1	1	4		6		6
Breast									1	1	1		3	3
Uterus								1		1			2	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms									2	3		3	2	5
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System									1	13	5	6	13	19
Coronary Disease, Angina								1	9	14	9	20	13	33
Hypertension with Heart Disease										1	1	1	1	2
Other Heart Disease									1	1	6	5	3	8
Other Circulatory Disease									1	1	6	5	3	8
Pneumonia									1	2	1	3	1	4
Bronchitis								2	4	2	5	7	6	13
Nephritis & Nephrosis										1		1		1
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	5		1					1	1	1	10	8	11	19
All Other Accidents		1		1			1			1	4	2	6	8
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	5	1	1	1	–	–	1	6	22	47	50	69	65	134

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1964

Six new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year. Four were males, aged 19, 22, 29 and 56. Two were females aged 27 and 31. No deaths from Tuberculosis on record.

Five cases were taken off the Register, four males and one female. Four cases were struck off as recovered, and one case as removed from the District.

CASES ON THE REGISTER AT THE 31st DECEMBER, 1964

On the Register at the end of December, 1964, there were 32 cases of Tuberculosis (28 Pulmonary and 4 Non-Pulmonary) as follows:-

	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	Over 65	TOTAL
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	2	8	2	7	4	4	28
Non-Pulmonary								
Gland of Neck	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Perianal	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Renal Tract	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2
	1	5	8	2	7	5	4	32

As all these cases are dealt with by the County Tuberculosis Officer, we have no direct information about the number of cases receiving allowances.

VENEREAL DISEASE

The nearest Clinic is at Burnley and any cases discovered are advised to attend this Clinic.

ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN

There are so special workers in this area, but the Burnley and District House of Help does good work in this direction.

LABORATORY WORK

This work is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Meadow Street, Preston, as and when necessary.

The Lancashire County Council provides and maintains the following:-

AMBULANCE SERVICE. The District is served by an Ambulance and a Sitting Case Car and these vehicles operate from the Ambulance Hall in Thompson Street, Padiham. The Ambulance Service is fully radio controlled and additional vehicles can be drawn from the Divisional Ambulance Station at Nelson as and when required.

CHILD WELFARE SERVICE. The Infant Welfare Centre and School Clinic for the Urban District is at Parish Street.

MIDWIFERY SERVICE. There are two District Midwives assigned to Padiham, who reside within the District, namely Miss. R. M. S. Catterall and Mrs. S. H. Murphy.

HOME NURSING. There are two District Nurses assigned to Padiham, Miss. K. M. Cox, and Miss. A. Goodwin.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

	Per 1,000 Estimated Population.	
	Crude Live Birth Rate.	Crude Death Rate.
Mean of 5 years 1959 - 1963	15.9	15.3
Year 1964	17.7	13.2
Year 1963	16.9	16.1
Change in 1964 on 5 years average 1959 - 1963	+ 1.8	- 2.1
Change on Previous Year	+ .8	- 2.9

	MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE.		DEATH RATE.
	per 1,000 Live Births.	per 1,000 Live and Stillbirths.	of Infants under 1 yr. per 1,000 Live Births.
Mean of 5 years 1959 - 1963	Nil	Nil	26.4
Year 1964	Nil	Nil	33.5
Year 1963	Nil	Nil	23.5
Increase or decrease in 1964 on 5 years average 1959 - 1963	Nil	Nil	+ 7.1
Change on previous year.	Nil	Nil	+ 10.0

YEAR.	BIRTHS.	DEATHS.	POPULATION.
1959	143	155	9,860
1960	148	130	9,830
1961	171	145	9,920
1962	160	170	9,950
1963	173	162	10,050
1964	179	134	10,130

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR

DISEASE	TOTAL CASES	Under 1 yr.	1-3	3-5	5-10	10-15	15-25	25-65	Over 65	Total cases rem'd to Hosp.	Deaths in Hosp. of pers. belg. to Dist.
Measles.	101	7	31	37	25	1	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chicken Pox.	6	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	108	7	34	37	29	1	-	-	-	-	-

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

WATER SUPPLIES. Padiham is supplied with a constant supply of water from the mains of the Calder Water Board and there were no new sources of supply during the year. The water is of good quality and in good supply. All dwelling houses within the District, except four, are supplied direct from public mains. The four exceptions, which are supplied by spring water are isolated farm dwellings and are a considerable distance from the nearest public main.

SUPPLIES TO HOUSES. The number of houses supplied direct from public mains is 3813.

WATER SAMPLING. Number of Bacteriological examinations 23.

Public Mains. Results:- 22 Satisfactory. 1 Unsatisfactory.

SWIMMING BATHS. There are no Swimming Baths or Pools within the District, but the Council have approved plans for the erection of a new Swimming Bath, and the project will be commenced as soon as possible.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL. The sewage is carried by gravity feed to the Disposal Works, just outside the District Boundary, at Altham. Treatment is by means of screens, detritus tanks, settlement tanks, sprinkler filters and contact beds. The effluent from the works is discharged into the River Calder.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

Number of Privy Middens. Nil.

Number of Pail Closets. There are five only at isolated dwellings and these are emptied by the tenants.

Number of Fresh Water Closets. 5608.

Number of Waste Water Closets. 730.

Conversions during the year.

Number of Pail Closets to fresh water closets.	Nil.
Number of waste water closets to fresh water closets.	44
Number of houses on the water carriage system.	3813

Chief Sanitary requirement of the District. The conversion of all waste water closets to the fresh water system.

PUBLIC CLEANSING. This is carried out by direct labour with two Karrier 12 cu. yard Fore and aft Tippers.

Domestic and Trade refuse is collected weekly, and in some instances when requested, trade refuse is removed three times per week.

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on the Council's Tip at Lumb Wood. The tip has an estimated life of 4 to 5 years and with this in mind the Council has appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the future problem and methods of refuse disposal.

Number of Moveable Dustbins. 4695.

SALVAGE. The collection of salvage has been maintained throughout the year and the following table gives the output over the last 6 years.

YEAR.	WEIGHT OF SALVAGE.			TOTAL REVENUE.		
	T.	C.	Q.	£.	s.	d.
1959	237.	15.	0.	1225.	13.	1.
1960	257.	6.	1.	1883.	16.	2.
1961	229.	13.	3.	1546.	3.	9.
1962	238.	13.	0.	1426.	4.	7.
1963	289.	4.	3.	1832.	8.	0.
1964	286.	1.	2.	1834.	16.	2.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING 1964. (Including Housing).

Number of Complaints received	571
Number of Premises visited	1653
Number of Visits made	3297
Number of defects or nuisances discovered	221
Number of Defects remedied	148
Number of Notices served (Statutory)	8
Number of Notices served (Informal)	115

Number of inspections and visits made during the year:-

Houses - Public Health Act	181
Houses - Housing Act	65
Houses - Improvement Grants	126
Houses - Rent Act	2
Shops Act	362
Clean Air Act	139
Rats and Mice Act	71
Revisits to property	214
Factories	30
Butchers	44
Bakeries	19
Fish Fryers	13
Ice-cream	54
Food & Drugs Act	35
Samples	84
Domestic Refuse Collection	176
Trade Refuse Collection	101
Refuse Disposal	383
Salvage	346
Miscellaneous	97
Street Cleansing	362
Offensive Trades	14
Smoke Observations	4
Grocers	78
Greengrocers	29
Snack Bars	13
Licenced Premises	27
Other Food Shops	47
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963	14
Yards & Passages	44
Drainage	66
Canteens	7
Water Supply	13
Vermin	32
Infectious Diseases	1
Noise Abatement	3
Pet Animals Act	1
	3297

Interviews	270

Defects remedied and Other Improvements Executed:-

Waste Water closets cleared	4
Defective tippler repaired	4
Water closet compartment repaired	1
Apparatus to water closet flush tank repaired	1
Defective water closets repaired	1
External pointing carried out	4
Window sash cords repaired	1
Rainwater pipes renewed, repaired or cleared	5
Defective firegrates dealt with	2
Defective flues repaired	1
Defective fire-backs repaired	1
Defective chimney stacks repaired	2
Drains cleared	5
Roofs repaired	7
Burst water service pipe repaired	5
Eaves gutters renewed, repaired or cleared	6
Internal ceiling plaster renewed	3
Internal wall plaster renewed	6
Doors repaired	6
Window frames renewed or repaired	11
Defective stone jambs re-set	3
Defective walls repaired	1
Defective reveals repaired	1
Coal stores provided	1
Yard gates provided	1
Locks to doors provided	1
Door frames repaired	1
Defective wood floors repaired	2
Handrails to stairs provided	2
Defective flag floors repaired or renewed	3
Dustbins provided or renewed	56

DISINFESTATION. Twelve dwellings were treated during the year, eight for cockroach infestation, three for cricket infestation and one for flea infestation. D.D.T. powder with Pyrethrum, and Multispray, were used.

CAMPING SITES AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS. There are no caravans or sites licensed under the Public Health Act, 1936, and no licenses have been applied for under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

HOUSING

CONDITION. The majority of the houses are stone built and of the terraced type. This type of property is on an average 70/80 years old and in general are quite well maintained, due to the fact that quite a large percentage of them are owner occupied. Some of the landlords of tenanted property only carry out the minimum amount of maintenance and a careful check is kept on these properties, which, as and when necessary will be included in future Clearance Orders.

NEW BUILDINGS. During the year sixty houses were completed by private enterprise.

OVER-CROWDING. No new cases were reported during the year.

INSPECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected formally or informally for housing defects under the Public Health or Housing Acts. 246

(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal made for the purpose. 460

(c) Number of dwellings found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit. 65

(2) Total number of dwellings existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which-

(a) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made (at any time). 18

(b) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made. 151

HOUSES DEMOLISHED. In Clearance Areas:	Houses demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(i) Houses unfit for human habitation	43	23	8
(ii) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2), Housing Act, 1957	2	Nil	Nil

Unfit Houses Closed:-	Number	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(i) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1), Housing Act, 1957.	1	1	1
(ii) Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957.	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil

Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied:-

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(i) After informal action by local authority.	110	----
(ii) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts.	7	Nil
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957.	Nil	Nil
(iii) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957.	Nil	----

Housing Act, 1949, and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 - Improvement grants, etc.:-

Action during year:	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected in schemes of	
	Private bodies or individuals	Local Authority
(i) Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority.	1	----
(ii) Approved by Local Authority.	1	----
(iii) Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry.	Nil	Nil
(iv) Finally approved by Ministry.	Nil	Nil
(v) Work completed.	1	Nil
(vi) Additional separate dwellings included in (v) above.	Nil	Nil

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 and Housing Acts, 1961 and 1964. Standard Grants:-

Action during year:	No. of dwellings or other buildings affected.
(i) Applications submitted to local authority for improvement to full standard.	56
(ii) Applications approved by local authority for improvement to reduced standard.	Nil
(iii) Total applications approved by local authority.	58
(iv) Work completed.	47
(v) Particulars of any action taken relating to compulsory improvement of dwellings.	Nil

	1964	Total
Number of Applications received	56	312
Number of Applications not dealt with	3	3
Number approved	58	299
Number refused	Nil	10

Standard Amenities Approved

	1964	Total
Baths	30	216
Wash-hand Basins	30	216
Hot Water Supply	22	151
Water Closet	46	232
Food Store	40	230
Total Amount of Grants approved	£6,633. 8. 9.	£31,572. 18. 9.

Grants Paid

Total Grant Paid	£4,261. 17. 4.	£24,067. 16. 3.
Number Paid	47	252

The following list gives an overall picture of the housing demands for the district.

In Lodgings

	Padiham	Out of District	Total
Man and Wife - one Child	1	-	1
Man and Wife - two Children	2	-	2
Man and Wife - three Children	1	-	1
	4	-	4

Tenants of Houses

	Padiham	Out of District	Total
Man and Wife - No Children	32	2	34
Man and Wife - One Child	22	4	26
Man and Wife - Two Children	17	4	21
Man and Wife - Three Children	7	4	11
Man and Wife - Four Children	1	-	1
Man and Wife - Five Children	2	-	2
	81	14	95

Elderly Person's Accommodation

	Padiham	Out of District	Total
In Lodgings	6	-	6
Tenants of houses	85	3	88
	91	3	94

Grand Total 193

Housing development in hand at the end of the year includes:-

32 Bed-sitter flatlets for aged persons.

2 - One Bedroom Bungalows.

Number of new houses erected during the year 60.

Number of houses erected under the various acts:-

i.	Housing Act, 1919	31
ii.	Housing Act 1923/24	170
iii.	Housing Act 1930/36	228
iv.	Housing Act 1936/46	21
v.	Housing Act 1946/51	260
vi.	Housing Act 1957	126
		836

4 terrace houses have been purchased by Council during 1964.

RENT ACT, 1957

No applications for certificates have been received during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

Number of registrations effected during the year.	2
Total number of Distributors of Milk on the Register at the end of the year.	59

The Lancashire County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority and all Dealer's Licenses are issued by the County Council in accordance with Section 12 of the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960.

MILK SAMPLING During the year 29 samples of milk were obtained, 22 of which were Raw Milk (Tuberculin Tested), 5 Pasteurised and 2 Sterilised. These samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination with the following results:-

Type of Test.	No. of Samples.	Results.
Tuberculosis.	22	21 satisfactory, 1 no result.
Brucellosis ring test.	22	17 negative, 5 positive.
" Culture test.	22	19 negative, 3 positive.
" Biological test.	22	18 negative, 4 positive.
Methylene Blue.	5	5 satisfactory.
Phosphatase.	5	5 satisfactory.
Turbidity.	2	2 satisfactory.

The positive Brucella samples were produced on farms outside the district and were referred to the Health Department of the district in which the farm was situated.

ICE CREAM SAMPLES. Thirty two samples of Ice Cream were obtained during the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory. Eighteen were Grade 1, eleven were Grade 2 and three were Grade 3.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE FACILITIES. There are no public or private slaughterhouses in operation within the District. Two persons applied for and were granted licenses to slaughter animals.

FOOD POISONING. No cases of Food Poisoning were reported during the year.

FOOD PREMISES. The number of Food Premises by type of business in the District at the end of 1964 was as follows:-

Type of Business.	Number.	Number of Inspections.
General Grocers and provision dealers.	58	78
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game etc.)	13	29
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry, game etc.)	3	6
Meat Shops (butchers, cooked and preserved meats, tripe etc.)	22	44
Bakers and/or confectioners.	16	19
Fried Fish shops.	7	13
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream.	10	54
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes and snack bars.	31	40
Others.	4	47

Number of food premises, by type registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, the Lancashire County Council Acts or other local Act:-

Type of Business.	Number Registered.	Number of Inspections of registered premises during year.
Butchers.	10	44
Confectioners.	18	19
Cafes.	6	13
Off Licences.	14	27
Grocers.	30	78
Sweets & Tobacco.	9	47

FOODSTUFFS.

The following quantity of foodstuffs was examined, condemned for original use, surrendered for disposal and destroyed.

Type of Food.	Number of Packages.	Quantity condemned.
Tinned Fruit.	142 Tins.	149 lbs.
Tinned Vegetables.	39 "	30 lbs.
Tinned Pilchards, Salmon, Tuna Fish & Shrimps.	9 "	5½ lbs.
Tinned Rice Pudding.	12 "	11 lbs.
Corned Beef.	3 "	5¼ lbs.
Tinned Steak.	5 "	5 lbs.
Tinned Milk & Cream.	19 "	12 lbs.
Tinned Boiled Ham & Ox Tongue.	6 "	20¾ lbs.
Pork Shoulder & Luncheon Meat.	6 "	4 lbs.
Biscuits & Cake Mix.	40 Pkts.	20 lbs.
Mincemeat.	3 jars.	3 lbs.
	284	265½ lbs.

FOOD SAMPLING.

52 samples of other foods including 40 samples of milk (six of which were Channel Islands milk) and those set out below were submitted to the County Analyst:-

1 Cooling powder.
1 Bottle shrimps.
1 Jam.
1 Mincemeat.
1 Glazed cherries.
1 Borax B.P.
1 Blackcurrant health drink with Vitamin C.
1 Cream of curry soup, canned.
1 cut, mixed peel.
1 Olive oil, B.P.
1 Cough mixture.
1 Almond oil.

The County Analyst gave adverse reports about the following:

Type of sample	Result of Analysis	Action Taken
1 Formal milk	Contained 0.05 International Unit penicillin per ml.	Farmer & Milk Marketing Board informed.
1 Cream of curry soup, canned.	Total fat content 1.8% butter fat. Code of Practice for cream soups requires 2.5% butter fat or not less than 1.5% butter fat when other fats make the total fat content up to 3%.	Importers communicated with.
1 Informal milk	Contained 0.01 International Unit penicillin per ml.	Dairy informed.
1 Formal milk, Channel Islands	Fat 3.85%, deficient 3.75% fat.	Vendor cautioned.
1 Cough mixture	Morphine content 0.015%. Morphine from declared formula should be no greater than 0.0066%	Vendor communicated with.

THE LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS, 1963.

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the district.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	9	4	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	53	26	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	3	8	Nil	Nil
Total	65	38	Nil	Nil

Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	1	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	2	1	1	-

Part V111 of the Act - Outwork.

NIL.

Classification of Factories and Workshops:

Abrasive crushing and grinding	2
Bread and confectionery	11
Boiled sweet makers	2
Boot repairers and cloggers	4
Carpet manufacturers	1
Cotton weaving etc.	6
Cotton waste sorter	2
Corn grinding	1
Cushion maker	1
Dress-making, milliners etc.	2
Drysalter	1
Electrical generation	2
Electrical engineering	2
Engineering (jobbing)	1
Fire-place makers	1
Gas appliance maker	1
Heating plant engineers	1
Hospital clothing maker	1
Joinery	6
Jute pulling	1
Laundry	1
Leather (artificial chamois) manufacturers	1
Motor vehicle repairer	3
Minerals (Aerated) waters	2
Mop makers	1
Printers	3
Painters	8
Paint Manufacturing	1
Poultry plucking	1
Power owners	2
Photographers	1
Plumbers	7
Plush weaving	1
Rag and fent sorting	2
Rayon fabric weaving	1
Ready mixed concrete manufacturers	1
Reed makers	1
Salvage packing	1
Silk weaving	1
Size makers	1
Springs for motor trade manufacturers	1
Tailors	2
Tile slabbing	1
Tripe dressers	1
Wadding (laminated)	1
Warp knitting	1
Wireless/Television	2

i. The number of Factories now in the Register is 53

ii. The number of workplaces now in the Register is 9

The number of Bakehouses in the Register is now 11

SHOPS ACT, 1950.

Classification of Shops as Shown in the Register.

Boots, Shoes and Clogs	12
Brokers	3
Builders Materials	1
Butchers	16
Cabinet Maker	1
Cafe	2
Chemist	5
Clothier	3
Cooked foods	4
Confectioners	16
Corn Dealers	2
Cycle Dealers	1
Draper	13
Drysalter	2
Dyers and Cleaners	5
Electrical appliances	5
Fancy goods	5
Fire-range Dealers	3
Fish Fryers	7
Fishmonger	3
Furniture Dealer	5
Gas appliances	1
Greengrocers	13
Grocers	60
Hairdresser - Gentlemen's	4
Hairdresser - Ladies	14
Hardware	10
Inn Keeper	16
Jeweller	1
Mineral waters	2
Motor Accessories and spares	1
Newsagent	5
Newspaper Office	2
Nursery furniture	1
Optician	1
Outfitters - Gentlemen's	2
Outfitters - Ladies	2
Off Licence	10
Paint and Wall-paper	7
Photographers	1
Petrol and oil	2
Pet shop	1
Poultry dealer	1
Potato merchant	1
Radio Sales	6
Sanitary Ware	5
Sportsgear and toys	1
Stationers and printers	5
Sweets and tobacco	10
Timber merchant	1
Tobacconists	5
Wines and Spirits	2
Woodwork shop	1

In accordance with the policy laid down by the County, limited inspectoral duties under the Act were delegated to the Public Health Inspector, and in fulfilment of these duties, 362 visits were undertaken.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

The following offensive trades are now in existence within the District:-

Tripe Boiler	1
Size Maker	1
Fish Fryers	9

The various premises have been inspected on 27 occasions.

As there is still no evidence of the local rag dealer doing any business in bones, the premises are not included in the list of offensive trades.

Byelaws made under Section 108 of the Public Health Act, 1936, by the Council for the regulation of offensive trades, businesses, or manufacturers, and the trade or businesses of fish frying, apply in the district.

The trades affected are:-

Blood boiler and dryer.
Tallow melter, fat melter or fat extractor.
Tripe boiler.
Glue Maker and size boiler.
Rag and bone dealer.
Fish fryer.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1952.

One person has been licenced for the keeping of pets for sale.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, 1963.

There are no such establishments within the district.

DISEASE OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER, 1957.

No. of plants licensed at the 1st April, 1964.	1
No. of plants licensed during the year.	Nil
No. of licences cancelled or revoked.	Nil
No. of inspections.	2
No. of prosecutions.	Nil

AGRICULTURAL ACT, 1956.

Sanitary Conveniences on Farms

The farm properties in this district are visited at frequent intervals, and all matters which require inspection are dealt with. It has not been found necessary to take any action under the above Act.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Action relating to rodent control during year:-

	Type of property			
	Non-agricultural			
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	All Other	Agricultural
(a) No. of properties in district	4	3813	371	14
(b) No. of properties inspected	4	482	181	14
(c) Total inspections carried out (incl. re-inspections)	50	849	695	28
(d) No. of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:				
Rats - major	-	-	-	-
minor	4	15	11	-
Mice - major	-	-	-	-
minor	-	32	7	-
(e) No. of infested properties treated.	4	47	18	-
(f) Total treatments carried out (incl. re-treatments)	26	61	25	-
(g) No. of "Black" control schemes carried out	-	-	-	-

CLEAN AIR ACT.

Six smoke control orders operative within the district.

No. 1 Smoke Control Order became operative on 1st September, 1961.

No. 2 Smoke Control Order became operative on 1st November, 1962.

No. 3 and 4 Smoke Control Orders became operative on 1st July, 1963.

No. 5 Smoke Control Order became operative on 1st November, 1963.

No. 6 Smoke Control Order became operative on 1st November, 1963.

The proposed Padiham No. 7 Smoke Control Order was submitted to the Ministry for approval, but in February 1964, in view of the contents of Circular 69/63, the Council asked the Ministry to withhold confirmation of the order.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

No. of registered premises at end of year:

Offices	19
Retail Shops	49
Wholesale Shops, warehouses	5
Catering establishments open to public, canteens	10
Fuel storage depots	Nil

No. of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises. 38.

No. of exemptions current at end of year .. .. .. Nil

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

No contraventions observed.

HEATING APPLIANCES (FIREGUARDS) ACT, 1952.

No contraventions observed.

CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, 1961 (The Oil Heaters Regulations, 1962)

No contraventions observed.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The Lancashire Rivers Board is responsible for the supervision and protection of rivers and streams in the district.

SOCIAL WELFARE.

The Health Department continues to be available for liason work. The principal activity has been to provide contact with the Home Help Organiser. Several cases were dealt with.

3 cases of aged persons needing care were investigated, and passed on to the proper authority.

PROBLEM FAMILIES.

The Co-ordinating Committee of public and voluntary bodies, engaged in prevention and case work in connection with problem families, met in Padiham on five occasions.

Twenty three families living within the district came under review.

ACCIDENTS IN THE HOME.

A policy of propaganda by displays of posters and the distribution of handbills was continued.

STREET SCAVENGING.

The scavenging of streets is carried out by a mechanical street sweeper, gully emptier and two manual sweepers.

Building activities have constantly been the cause of much concern. Extra cleansing has been necessary to keep the situation in hand.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

The two urinals and three public lavatories were cleansed daily throughout the year.